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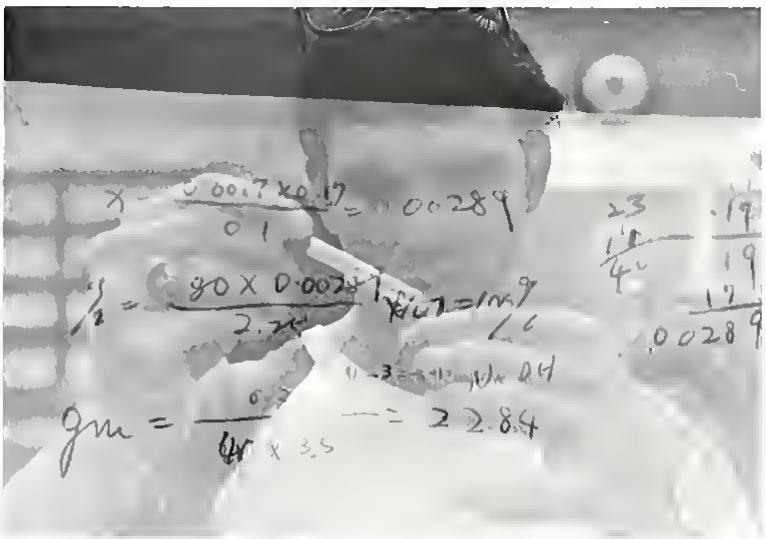

A Vital Ingredient

Gardner-Webb's alumoi and frieods are vital to the college's recruiting of new students. Many of those who sit in the college's classrooms today were referred to the Baptist institutioo hy those who learned there in former yeara. Alumoi are asked to continue their efforts in recruiting, helping to match the needs of prospective atudents with a college wbich aims at meeting those needs fully.

Recruiting Efforts Encouraged

Alumni are in a unique position to assist Gardner-Webb in its efforts to recruit students. They can give first-hand testimony as to its programs, spirit and purposes. Former GWC students and friends are far spread across the region—and the nation. They can "tell the Gardner-Webb story" to many prospective students who may not have thought about the opportunities available to them at the college.

Alumni can help match a seeking student with a college concerned with his needs—that's a great gift to Gardner-Webb and the prospective student.

With those thoughts foremost, G-W's alumni association officers and directors issued a call at their January meeting for all alumni and friends of the college to become actively involved in student recruiting. Alumni assistance is very effective, the board noted. More than half of the college's current freshmen report they were influenced to come to Gardner-Webb by a former student.

Gardner-Webb has been more fortunate than many other private colleges in maintaining stable enrolments and growth, but must continue its very active recruiting efforts, it was reported.

Following the association leaders' action, the alumni office is preparing information, to be mailed soon, concerning direct ways former students can help in recruiting. In the meantime, alumni are encouraged to tell prospective students now about the college, and send along to the alumni office the names of students who may be interested in attending. The college staff involved in recruiting will be happy to follow up. Future editions of The Web will report the "success stories" of some alumni who're already making new students their "greatest gift" to Gardner-Webb.

Alumni Association Seeks Suggestions For Nominees, Award Presentations

Now's the time to mark the calendar. Gardner-Webb College's annual alumni banquet will be held on Saturday, May 17. Arrangements for the festive event currently are being made—later issues of The Web will give the details.

As in the past, new officers and directors for the alumni association will be elected at the banquet. The trustees will present the "Alumnus of the Year" award, and the alumni association itself will present awards for distinguished service to the college, denomination and community.

Association President Jack Creech is appointing committees to nominate leaders for the new year and determine award-winners. Fellow alumni and friends are cordially invited to suggest the names and qualifications of those who'd merit awards or serve as association officers or directors. All suggestions should be sent to the alumni office for submission to the proper committee.

With The Alumni

The Rev. **Broughton M. Strickland '31**, sending a contribution for the college building fund, writes "I am for Gardner-Webb and feel that it has been a great spiritual link in my life . . ." His address is Route 4, Box 123, Rutherfordton.

Beatrix Blanton Ramey '33 is coordinator for student teachers in several counties for Appalachian State University. She is teaching a course in local history research at Cleveland Technical Institute in Shelby. Genealogy and local history is her hobby, as it was for her husband, Arnold, a Catawba College professor who died in 1971.

Frances Calton Query (Mrs. Leonard G.) **'37** makes her home in Charlotte, where she is office nurse for a physician.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) **R.N. Hardin '48** recently earned his second award of the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster for distinguished performance of duty as installation chaplain with a combat support group at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base in Thailand. Now assigned at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, S.C., he joined in the celebration of his parents' 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 1. They are the Newton H. Hardins of Spindale.

Dorothy Whisnant Maye '51 was married Dec. 24 to James Isaac Webb. They make their home in Hillsville, Va. She is senior eligibility worker for the Carroll County Social Services Department.

Darlene Cable Price (Mrs. E.F.) **'55** and her husband, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, live in Horsham, Pa., with their three teenagers. Horsham is their 17th move in 17 years! Lt. Col. (Ret.) Price now is operational facility manager for PACER Systems, Inc., an engineering firm.

Della Ann Williams White and her husband, James, are residents of Union Grove, and are the parents of two daughters, 11 and five years old. Ann is a homemaker, her husband is a construction company superintendent.

Mildred Peterson Dixon '56 and her husband, the Rev. George Dixon, make their home in Fort Worth, where he is pastor of the suburban Lake Worth First Baptist Church. They have two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. **Donald Norris Bridges** (Charlene Kiser) **'55** and **'58** moved in December from South Carolina to Potomac, Maryland, with their three children. He is employed with the Bethesda AEC installation.

Daphene Reid Allran '57 and her husband, Charles, of Gastonia welcomed a son, James Reid, on Sept. 28 last year. They have three older children.

The Rev. Cecil Ballard now is pastor of Sunset Road Baptist Church in Charlotte. He previously served the Hulls Grove Church in Vale.

Doris L. Walters '59 is director of the Fukuoka Friendship House, a student center, in Fukuoka, Japan.

Eugene J. Millar '60 is manager of revenue accounting for Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation in Cherryville.

Stanley and Jeane M. Webb **'61** and **'62** live in Woodruff, S.C., where he is pastor of First Baptist Church. He previously served the Crestwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

Gunnar E. Gummesson '61 is a sales representative for the Kellogg Company and lives in Asheville.

John Felix Hart '61 is president of East-West Poultry Supply, Inc., of Hudson and Silar City, which serves the two Carolinas with livestock and poultry feeding systems. He and his wife, the former Geneva Kirby of Lenoir, have a son, 10, and a daughter, 8.

Carol Youngman '64 and Bryce Olin Thomas Jr. were married in November and live in Hudson, where he is a law firm partner.

Joe DePriest '65 recently was awarded a third place in columns and criticism in the annual competition sponsored by the North Carolina Press Institute. He is a staff writer for The Shelby Daily Star.

David C. Traynham '65, director of choral music at Asheboro High School, recently was honored as Randolph County's "Outstanding Young Educator."

Phyllis Martin McDowell '67 and her husband, Gy/Sgt. Earl F. McDowell, welcomed a daughter, Lori Renee, on Dec. 1. They are living in Norfolk, Va., where he is stationed with the U.S. Marine Corps' area auditor's office.

Judith Creighton Hubbard (Mrs. David W.) **'68** is a homemaker, mother of a 3½-year-old daughter, private piano instructor and part-time model in Absecon, N.J.

Joseph Michael Harris '68 was married on last Thanksgiving Day to Sandra Gail Priddy. They're making their home at Route 2, Stoneville. He is associated with an insurance agency.

Wilbur Ellis Beddingfield Jr. '68 is assistant sales manager of Standard Fire Protection Equipment Co., Inc. in Charlotte, where he makes his home with his bride, the former Jonnie Sue Hendrix. They were married in November.

Monty Saunders '68 has moved to Charlotte after completing a master's in education at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, La.

Peter Downing Lindh '69 is a mobility instructor at the Georgia Academy for the Blind. He and his wife, Linda, live in Macon, Ga.

Catherine Pauline Smith '69 was married in December to Lawrence Lee McConnell. They are making their home in Roanoke, Va., where he is an editor of The Roanoke Times. Catherine formerly was editor of The Kingstree (S.C.) News.

Sandra Caldwell McElbannon (Mrs. Frank) **'69** is secretary for a mortgage company in Atlanta.

Richard Deane Huffstetler '69 is a knitting supervisor at Texfi, Inc., in Sanford. His wife, Wanda, is a registered nurse.

Jackie Grinstead '70 was married in December to Roger Vassey of Shelby. She is employed as a registered nurse in Cleveland Memorial Hospital's operating room.

James Webb Roemer '71 recently has published a poetry volume entitled Late Summer Love. He is a substitute teacher in the Cleveland County schools and manages his own business, Roemer Enterprises, in Swansville and Shelby. He also is the publishing editor of a new sports magazine, Carolina Sports, making its first appearance in February and monthly thereafter.

Jerome Reeves Boyce '71 lives in Williston, S.C., where he is a high school teacher and coach. He recently was married to Miss Chisele Roberts of Williston.

Rachel Eggers Gimble '71 and her husband, Terry, make their home in Tyler, Texas, where she is in schedule control for an air conditioning company and he is employed by an electronics firm.

Stephen A. Gregory '71 and his wife, Sandra Johnson Gregory, who also attended Gardner-Webb, live in Henrietta, where he is pastor of Temple Baptist Church. Sandra was planning to re-enter the college in January. They have a young daughter, Jennifer.

Carole Handrick Peeler '71 and her husband, Ronald, have a new home at Route 5, Shelby. She is a teacher in Cleveland County schools and he is plant manager for Shadowline, Inc. of Fallston.

Michael Jarrell Stroud '71 is assistant manager of the J.C. Penney Co. store in Winchester, Va. He was married in March, 1974, to Donna Kibby of Asheville.

The Rev. Mike Minnix **'72** has assumed duties as the new pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Kannapolis. He formerly was pastor of Gum Branch Baptist Church in Hartsell, S.C. He and his wife, Jayne, are the parents of a daughter and son.

Eugenia Aughtry '72 recently was married to James Monroe Best Jr. Both are teachers in the Gaston County school system.

Arch Forrest Fowler, Jr. '72 is personnel manager for Piedmont Industries, Inc. in Greenville, S.C. He is apartment-rooming with Robby Gill **'72** who is a salesman for Tow X-Ray Co.

Gayle Davis Briscoe '73 and her husband, Phillip Guy Briscoe, Jr., married in December, are living in Marietta, Ga. She is a first grade teacher in Austell, Ga., and he is assistant manager of a loan company.

Lee Young '73, a former member of C-W's College Ensemble, is in his second year as a singer with the Re'Generation, a noted group

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It yet remains to be seen just how large our web will grow, but this much we know, once you're woven in, we never let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.

which will perform in 45 states and numerous foreign countries this year. In March, the group will make an eight-day tour, presenting performances for audiences that will include King Hussein of Jordan.

Julia Edna Walker Cox '73 is a third grade teacher at Roebuck Primary School in Greenville, S.C. She and her husband, Daniel L. Cox, were married in December. They make their home in Greer, S.C.

Cynthia Dianne McSwain '73 and **Ricky Lamar Stowe '71** were married in December in the John R. Dover Jr. Memorial Chapel on Campus, with College President Dr. E. Eugene Poston officiating. They're making their home in Gastonia.

Richard L. Grangar '73 has been promoted to branch manager of the Florence, S.C., office of C. Douglas Wilson & Co.

Mike and Maryilyn Alexander Beckwith, both '73, live in Gastonia, where she is a fourth grade teacher and he is employed in data processing with Threads, Inc.

Janet Lee Goodwin '73 and **John Brodie Bricker III,** married in November, live in Richmond, Va., where she is personnel secretary for an insurance company and he is a high school principal.

Wanda Haynes McGehee '73 and her husband, Roy Franklin, live in Louisa, Va. She teaches eighth grade language arts in an Orange, Va., open school.

Caroline Connor '74 and **Robert Laney III '74** were married in January in Shelby rites. She is employed by a Shelby bank, and he is employed by the N.C. Employment Security Commission.

Dan Austin Dodson '74 is a management trainee with Overnite Trucking Co. and was married in December to Virginia Lynn Gregory, a nurse. They make their home in Charlotte.

Gary D. Ball '74 is attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He was married in January to Marcia Darlene Higgins of Horse Shoe.

Marcia Wilkerson '74 lives in Charlotte, where she is secretary in the office of budget and evalution for the City of Charlotte.

Susan Elaine Skidmore '74 and **Terry Thompson Mayne** of Huntersville were married in December and are making their home in Charlotte.

Angela Diane Martin '74 and **Douglas Earl Petrey,** both of Boone, said their wedding vows in December. They're making their home in Raleigh, where he is a senior at N.C. State University.

Danny Ray Blanton '74, a GWC staff member, and **Karen Margaret Keith** of Spartanburg, S.C., were wed in December and are living in Boiling Springs.

Max Hamilton Jr. '74 and his wife, **Rebecca Henley Hamilton, '73,** are living in Louisville, Ky., where he is entering the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's church music program.

John Grayson Harris '74 and his bride, the former Shirley Anne Winburn, both are employed in the hosiery division of Hanes Corporation in Winston-Salem. He is employed in sales systems and information, and she is employed in the personnel department.

Set For Spring

Even as February's winds bowled, Gardner-Webb's pretty campus showed a hint of spring to come. Ann Fowler of Norwood, right, and Bidgie Buchanan of Mayodan enjoyed the sun and springtime blossoms here last spring. You're invited to come visit and walk the campus paths again when they're in bloom again . .

Teacher Program Gains Approval

Gardner-Webb College's teacher education program has been given a full five-year approval by the North Carolina State Board of Education.

Dr. E. Eugene Poston, college president, said the notice of five-year approval had been received from A. Craig Phillips, state superintendent of public instruction.

The college and its teacher education programs were granted a provisional approval for a three-year period in January, 1972. The five-year approval is the maximum that can be granted.

The approval came after visits of committees from the State Department of Education.

In the visiting committee's report to the State Board of Education it was said:

"In the judgment of the State Evaluation Committee on Teacher Education, marked improvements have been made in behalf of teacher education since the initial visit. On the basis of the current program the committee recommends a five-year approval, 1974-75 through 1978-79.

"The State Board of Education accepts and adopts the recommendation of the committee and the action is so recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the State Board of Education."

The programs approved include Elementary Education; Early Childhood Education and Intermediate Education. Secondary Education: Business Education; English; Foreign Languages, French, Spanish; Mathematics; Science; Biology, Chemistry; Social Studies. Special Subjects: Music; Physical Education.

Thomas J. McGraw, executive vice president and dean of the college, expressed his satisfaction of the action of the State Board of Education.

"We are very pleased with the recommendation and we feel that it is a real honor to get full approval for the maximum time," said McGraw. "I think this is a plus mark for the faculty, students and administration of the college. This means a great deal to our teacher education program, especially since forty-five per cent of our students become teachers. I assure you that many people have worked hard and long for this day."

IN MEMORIAM

Raymond Allison, a longtime friend and supporter of the college, died Dec. 22, 1974. A sergeant and charter member of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Reserve with 18 years' service, he voluntarily assisted at many ballgames and special events on the campus. He was the father of alumni Darrell Allison '68 and Doyne Allison '69, both of Route 2, Gaffney, S.C.

The Rev. Gary Lynch Freizer, '74 of Wise, N.C., died in January, 1975.

Mrs. Cuttie B. Weaver '33, of Route 2, Shelby, longtime nurses aide at Royster Memorial Hospital, died in January, 1975.

Mrs. Carolyn Stroud Buckner '49 of Mars Hill, a school teacher, died in December, 1974.

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Lee Oval Jaynes Named Head Football Coach

Lee Oval Jaynes, former assistant coach at the University of South Carolina, has been named head football coach at Gardner-Webb College.

Jaynes, 34, succeeds George Litton, who resigned after serving five years as Bulldog head football coach. Litton has assumed administrative and teaching responsibilities with the college.

Jaynes joined Coach Paul Dietzel's staff in 1973, coming to South Carolina from Wake Forest University where he was offensive coordinator. He joined the Wake Forest staff under Coach Cal Stoll as offensive receiver coach in 1969. He coached the Deacon backfield when the team won the Atlantic Coast Conference title in 1970. His 1971 Wake Forest backfield was seventh in the nation in rushing.

He also served as an assistant to Coach Jim "Red" Parker at The Citadel from 1965 to 1968.

Jaynes is a native of Morganton and earned his bachelor of science at Appalachian State University, where he lettered four years in football. He earned a master of education degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Eddie Holbrook, Gardner-Webb athletic director, said Jaynes was one of many considered for the job.

"We were swamped with applications for the job, and we feel fortunate in getting a man of Coach Jaynes' ability," said Holbrook. "He has a good background which will help him in recruiting and he has the professional training to make him a good head coach. I am very happy that he has decided to join the team at Gardner-Webb."

Holbrook was quick to point out the fact that Jaynes has an offensive football background. He was coach of the offensive receivers at The Citadel, offensive coordinator at Wake Forest and coached the Veer offense at South Carolina.

"I am sure that Coach Jaynes will bring to Gardner-Webb football fans a very explosive offense which will be exciting to watch," said Holbrook. "He knows all parts of the game, but I am sure that his experience in the offensive part of the game will add to the excitement of our football games."

Bulldogs Advance In Rankings

Through the first week in February, the Gardner-Webb Bulldog basketball team was ranked the No. 2 team in the nation by both the Associated Press Small College Poll and NAIA.

Boasting an 18-2 record, the 'Dogs anticipated no more losses in their remaining six games, four of which were crucial District 26 contests.

Jim Blanks, senior wing man from Kansas City, Mo., is still leading the team in scoring with 18.0 points per game, while senior post man John Searight is the second leading scorer with 16.8 points per outing, and the leading rebounder with an 11.2 average in the 20 games.

Alvin Jones, senior post man from Pompano Beach, Fla., and sophomore point guard Don Foster, of Bladenburg, Md., are the other starters averaging in double figures with 16.4 and 12.6 respectively.

The Bulldogs are averaging more than 96 points per game while holding opponents to just under 76, for a 20 point-per-game winning margin which ranks fifth in the NAIA statistics.

The basketball team, along with many fans, made its annual winter trip Jan. 26-Feb. 2 to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Titles Assigned

Several new titles and positions have been assigned at the college with the beginning of the new year. Also announced is the retirement of Dr. J. Roy Robinson as director of denominational relations and deferred giving. Dr. Robinson is concluding a career that spans 40 years of service to Southern Baptists, including the pastorates of three Carolina churches.

New assignments are as follows: the Rev. Buddy Freeman, coordinator of religious affairs and denominational relations; Bill Briggs, coordinator of development; Eddie Holbrook, coordinator of athletics and public relations; Charles Mack, coordinator of business affairs and financial aid; and Martin Banner, acting coordinator of student personnel services.

BASEBALL

The Gardner-Webb baseball team will begin a 30-game schedule March 1, as it travels to Clemson. The outlook is very promising for Coach Jerry Bryson's squad this season with most of his starters returning. They include pitcher Tim Huff, 6-1 last year, and catcher Gary Robinson, who hit for a .485 average and was named to the first team All-District and All-State teams.